

FOR:

STATE OF ALABAMA

DEPTARTMENT OF FINANCE DIVISION OF PURCHASING

INVITATION TO BID

ON-LINE TAX RESEARCH SERVICE

REQ. AGENCY : 019000

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

: 087254 AGENCY REQ. NO.

T-NUMBER

DATE ISSUED

VENDOR NO.
VENDOR PHONE NO.
SNAP REQ. NO.
BUYER NAME : 1425072 : KATHY MOORE

BUYER PHONE NO. : (334) 242-7040-PURCHASING PHONE NO: (334) 242-7250

BID MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE: DATE: 09/24/09 TIME: 5:00 PM

BIDS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED: DATE: 09/25/09 TIME: 10:00 AM

FAX NUMBER

TO BE COMPLETED BY VENDOR

INFORMATION IN THIS SECTION MUST BE IN INK OR TYPED WIT		
1. DELIVERY: CAN BE MADE	DAYS OR	_ WEEKS AFTER RECEIPT OF ORDER
2. TERMS:(I	DISCOUNTS ARE TAKEN WITH	OUT REGARD TO DATE OF PAYMENT.)
3. PRICE VALID FOR ACCEPTANC	E WITHIN D	AYS.
4. VENDOR QUOTATION REFERENC (THIS NUMBER WILL APPEAR		
5. E-MAIL ADDRESS:		
INTERNET WEBSITE:		
6. GENERAL CONTRACTOR'S LICE	NSE NO:	
TYPE OF G.C. LICENSE:		
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US MAIL		COURIER
STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF FIN DIVISION OF PURCH P O BOX 302620 MONTGOMERY, AL 36	IANCE IASING	STATE OF ALABAMA DIVISION OF PURCHASING RSA UNION BUILDING 100 N. UNION ST., SUITE 192 MONTGOMERY, AL 36104
	EN IN ANY AGREEMENT OR	H ÎTEM OFFERED AT THE PRICE QUOTED. COLLUSION AMONG BIDDERS IN
SWORN TO AND	FEIN OR SSN	AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE (INK)
SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS		
	COMPANY NAME	TYPE/PRINT AUTHORIZED NAME
DAY OF	MAIL ADDRESS	TITLE
NOTARY PUBLIC	CITY, STATE, ZIP	TOLL FREE NUMBER
TERM EXD:		

PHONE INCLUDING AREA CODE

STANDARD TERMS & CONDITIONS

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AUTHORITY:

THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE, CHAPTER 355-4-1 EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 20, 2001 IS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF T HIS DOCUMENT. TO RECEIVE A COPY CALL (334)242-7250, OR OUR WEBSITE WWW.PURCHASING.ALABAMA.GOV.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE TO MINORITY BUSINESSES IN THE TECHNICAL COMPLETION OF REQUIRED FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE, 1-800-447-4191.

BID (ITB) RESPONSE INSTRUCTIONS REV: 08/19/09

- TO SUBMIT A RESPONSIVE BID, READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS, ALL TERMS, CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS.
- BID ENVELOPES/PACKAGES/BOXES MUST BE IDENTIFIED ON FRONT, PREFERABLY LOWER LEFT CORNER AND BE VISIBLE WITH THE BID NUMBER AND OPENING DATE. EACH INDIVIDUAL BID (IDENTIFIED BY A UNIQUE BID NUMBER) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN A SEPARATE ENVELOPE. RESPONSES TO MULTIPLE BID NUMBERS SUBMITTED IN THE SAME ENVELOPE/COURIER PACKAGE, THAT ARE NOT IN SEPARATE ENVELOPES PROPERLY IDENTIFIED, WILL BE REJECTED. THE DIVISION OF PURCHASING DOES NOT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR LATE BIDS FOR ANY REASON INCLUDING THOSE DUE TO POSTAL, OR COURIER SERVICE. BID RESPONSES MUST BE IN THE DIVISION OF PURCHASING OFFICE PRIOR TO THE "RECEIVE DATE AND TIME" INDICATED ON THE BID.
- BID RESPONSES (PAGE 1, PRICE SHEET AND ADDENDUMS (WHEN SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED)) MUST BE IN INK OR TYPED ON THIS DOCUMENT. OR EXACT FORMAT WITH SIGNATURES BEING HANDWRITTEN ORIGINALS IN INK (PERSON SIGNING BID, NOTARY, AND NOTARY EXPIRATION), OR THE BID WILL BE REJECTED. UNLESS INDICATED IN THE BID, ALL PRICE PAGES MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED. IF AN ITEM IS NOT BEING BID, IDENTIFY IT AS NB (NO-BID). PAGES SHOULD BE SECURED. THE DIVISION OF PURCHASING DOES NOT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR MISSING PAGES. FAXED BID RESPONSES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- THE UNIT PRICE ALWAYS GOVERNS REGARDLESS OF THE EXTENDED AMOUNT. A UNIT PRICE CHANGE ON A LINE MUST BE INITIALED BY THE PERSON SIGNING THE BID, OR THAT LINE WILL BE REJECTED. THIS INCLUDES A CROSS-OUT, STRIKE-OVER, INK-OVER, WHITE-OUT, ERASURE, OR ANY OTHER METHOD CHANGING THE PRICE.
- A "NO BID" MUST BE RETURNED TO REMAIN ON A CLASS/SUBCLASS. RETURN PAGE 1 OR NOTIFICATION PAGE MARKED "NO-BID". IDENTIFY IT ON THE ENVELOPE AS A "NO-BID". FAILING TO RESPOND TO 3 ITB'S WITHIN THE SAME CLASS/SUBCLASS WILL AUTOMATICALLY PURGE THE VENDOR FROM THAT CLASS/SUBCLASS. RESPONDING WITH 6 "NO-BIDS" WITHIN THE SAME CLASS/SUBCLASS WILL AUTOMATICALLY PURGE THE VENDOR FROM THAT CLASS/ SUBCLASS. A "NO-BID" RECEIVED LATE IS CONSIDERED A NO RESPONSE.
- THE DIVISION OF PURCHASING IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR MISINTERPRETATION OF DATA FAXED FROM THIS OFFICE.
- THE DIVISION OF PURCHASING REQUIRES AN ORIGINAL AND A MINIMUM OF ONE COMPLETE EXACT COPY (TO INCLUDE SIGNATURE AND NOTARY) OF THE INVITATION-TO-BID RESPONSE. THE ORIGINAL AND THE COPY SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TOGETHER AS A BID PACKAGE.
- AN IMPROPERLY SUBMITTED BID, LATE BID, OR BID THAT IS CANCELLED ON OR BEFORE THE OPENING DATE WILL BE HELD FOR 90 DAYS AND THEN DESTROYED. THE BID MUST BE RETRIEVED DURING REGULAR WORK HOURS, MONDAY FRIDAY, EXCEPT STATE HOLIDAYS. AFTER THE BID IS DESTROYED, THE DIVISION OF PURCHASING ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DOCUMENT.

DISQUALIFIED/CANCELLED BID

BIDS THAT ARE IMPROPERLY SUBMITTED OR RECEIVED LATE WILL BE A RESPONSE FOR RECORD, BUT WILL NOT BE RETURNED OR A NOTIFICATION MAILED.

THE FOLLOWING IS A PARTIAL LIST WHEREBY A BID RESPONSE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED:

BID NUMBER NOT ON FACE OF ENVELOPE/COURIER PACKAGE/BOX

RESPONSES TO MULTIPLE BID NUMBERS IN SAME ENVELOPE NOT PROPERLY IDENTIFIED BID RECEIVED LATE

BID NOT SIGNED/NOT ORIGINAL SIGNATURE

BID NOT NOTARIZED/NOT ORIGINAL SIGNATURE OF NOTARY AND/OR NO NOTARY EXPIRATION

NOTARIZED OWN SIGNATURE

REQUIRED INFORMATION NOT SUBMITTED WITH BID FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE ORIGINAL BID AND A COMPLETE EXACT COPY FAILURE TO MARK RESPONSES AS "ORIGINAL" AND/OR "COPY"

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ACT NO. 2006-557

ALABAMA LAW (SECTION 41-4-116, CODE OF ALABAMA 1975) PROVIDES THAT EVERY BID SUBMITTED AND CONTRACT ALABAMA LAW (SECTION 41-4-116, CODE OF ALABAMA 1975) PROVIDES THAT EVERY BID SUBMITTED AND CONTRACT EXECUTED SHALL CONTAIN A CERTIFICATION THAT THE VENDOR, CONTRACTOR, AND ALL OF ITS AFFILIATES THAT MAKE SALES FOR DELIVERY INTO ALABAMA OR LEASES FOR USE IN ALABAMA ARE REGISTERED, COLLECTING, AND REMITTING ALABAMA STATE AND LOCAL SALES, USE, AND/OR LEASE TAX ON ALL TAXABLE SALES AND LEASES INTO ALABAMA. BY SUBMITTING THIS BID, THE BIDDER IS HEARBY CERTIFYING THAT THEY ARE IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH ACT NO. 2006-557, THEY ARE NOT BARRED FROM BIDDING OR ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT PURSUANT TO 41-4-116, AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE AWARDING AUTHORITY MAY DECLARE THE CONTRACT VOID IF THE CERTIFICATION IS FALSE. SPECIAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

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INTENT TO AWARD

EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2008, THE STATE OF ALABAMA - DIVISION OF PURCHASING WILL ISSUE AN 'INTENT TO AWARD' BEFORE A FINAL AWARD IS MADE. THE 'INTENT TO AWARD' WILL CONTINUE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) CALENDAR DAYS, AFTER WHICH A PURCHASE ORDER WILL BE PRODUCED. UPON FINAL AWARD, ALL RIGHTS TO PROTEST ARE FORFEITED. A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THIS PROCESS MAY BE REVIEWED IN THE ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE - CHAPTER 355-4-1(14).

ALTERNATE BID RESPONSE
UNLESS STATED ELSEWHERE IN THIS INVITATION-TO-BID (ITB) THE STATE OF
ALABAMA WILL ACCEPT AND EVALUATE ALTERNATE BID SUBMITTALS ON ANY
ITB'S. ALTERNATE BID RESPONSES WILL BE EVALUATED ACCORDING TO THE
REQUIREMENTS AS ALL OTHER RESPONSES TO THIS ITB.

INTERNET WEBSITE LINK'S

INTERNET AND/OR WEBSITE LINKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN BID RESPONSES AS A MEANS TO SUPPLY ANY REQUIREMENTS STATED IN THIS ITB (INVITATION-TO-BID).

PRODUCT DELIVERY, RECEIVING AND ACCEPTANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIVERSAL COMMERCE CODE (CODE OF ALABAMA, TITLE 7), AFTER DELIVERY, THE STATE OF ALABAMA HAS THE RIGHT TO INSPECT ALL PRODUCTS BEFORE ACCEPTING. THE STATE WILL INSPECT PRODUCTS IN A REASONABLE TIMEFRAME. SIGNATURE ON A DELIVERY DOCUMENT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE ACEPTANCE BY THE STATE. THE STATE WILL ACCEPT PRODUCTS ONLY AFTER SATISFACTORY INSPECTION.

SALES TAX EXEMPTION

PURSUANT TO THE CODE OF ALABAMA, 1975, TITLE 40-23-4 (A) (11), THE STATE OF ALABAMA IS EXEMPT FROM PAYING SALES TAX. AN EXEMPTION LETTER WILL BE FURNISHED UPON REQUEST.

INVOICES

INQUIRIES CONCERNING PAYMENT AFTER INVOICES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED ARE TO BE DIRECTED TO THE RECEIVING AGENCY, NOT THE DIVISION OF PURCHASING

BID RESPONSES AND BID RESULTS

UNEVALUATED BID RESPONSES (NOT BID RESULTS) ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEB SITE AT WWW.PURCHASING.ALABAMA.GOV. BID RESULTS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN THE DIVISION OF PURCHASING OFFICE, BUT ONLY AFTER THE BID HAS BEEN AWARDED. WE DO NOT FAX OR MAIL COPIES OF BID RESULTS. IF A VENDOR WISHES TO REVIEW BID RESULTS IN OUR OFFICE, THEY SHOULD FAX THEIR REQUEST TO REVIEW THE BID TWO DAYS IN ADVANCE TO THE "BID REVIEW CLERK" AT (334) 242-4419. BE SURE TO REFERENCE THE BID NUMBER.

FOREIGN CORPORATION - CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

ALABAMA LAW PROVIDES THAT A FOREIGN CORPORATION (AN OUT-OF-STATE COMPANY/FIRM) MAY NOT TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA UNTIL TI OBTAINS A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE. SECTION 10-2B-15.01, CODE OF ALABAMA 1975. TO OBTAIN FORMS FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY, CONTACT THE SECRETARY OF STATE, CORPORATIONS DIVISION, (334) 242-5324. THE CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY DOES NOT KEEP THE VENDOR FROM SUBMITTING A BID.

BID IDENTIFICATION

REFERENCE PAGE 2, ITEM 2. DUE TO THE POSTAL SERVICE PUTTING BAR CODE LABELS ON ENVELOPES, IT CONCEALS THE BID NUMBER AND DATE IF THE VENDOR HAS WRITTEN THEM OTHER THAN THE LOWER LEFT CORNER, THEREFORE THE BID WOULD BE REJECTED FOR NOT BEING PROPERLY IDENTIFIED.

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CONTRACT PERIOD:

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ESTABLISH A 12 MONTH CONTRACT WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR A SECOND,
THIRD, FOURTH, AND FIFTH 12 MONTH PERIOD WITH THE SAME PRICING, TERMS
AND CONDITIONS. THE SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH, OR FIFTH 12 MONTH PERIOD,
IF AGREED BY BOTH PARTIES, WOULD BEGIN THE DAY AFTER THE FIRST,
SECOND, THIRD, OR FOURTH 12 MONTH PERIOD EXPIRES. ANY SUCCESSIVE
EXTENSION MUST HAVE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF BOTH THE STATE AND VENDOR NO
LATER THAN 30 DAYS PRIOR TO EXPIRATION OF THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTH
DEPLOD PERIOD.

ANNUAL AGREEMENT:

THE PURCHASE ORDER CONSTITUTES A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF ALABAMA AND THE VENDOR. THE VENDOR ACCCEPTS THE CONTRACT AS WRITTEN AND WILL FULFILL ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE VALID PERIOD INDICATED.

CHANGES/MODIFICATIONS ARE ALLOWED ONLY BY A WRITTEN PURCHASE ORDER CHANGE THROUGH THE DIVISION OF PURCHASING.

INVOICE TO BE BILLED IN ARREARS, TO THE "BILL TO" ADDRESS.

PRICE SHEET VENDOR NAME :

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LINE EXTENDED NO. COMMODITY/SERVICE DESCRIPTION QUANTITY UNIT UNIT PRICE AMOUNT

UNLESS SPECIFIED OTHERWISE BELOW: SHIP TO: 019000 / 019M15 SHIP TO: 019000 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
50 NORTH RIPLEY STREET
1338 GORDON PERSON BLDG
MONTGOMERY AL 36104 36104

00001 COMMODITY CODE: 956-70-054520 RESEARCH/ACCESS SERVICE, ON-LINE: 1 EΑ

FOR ON LINE SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE TO TAX RESEARCH. UNIT COST INCLUDES UNLIMITED USER IDS WITH 35 BEING CONCURRENT. SEE SPECIFICATIONS

PERIOD: 11/01/09-10/31/10

PAGE TOTAL		
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SPECIFICATIONS FOR ON-LINE/INTERNET TAX RESEARCH

General Requirements:

- ✓ An Internet based tax research service.
- ✓ This tax Research On-Line Service will provide users throughout the department and at remote locations with access to the latest tax news and a multitude of tax research information as described below.
- ✓ Accessible 24 hours 7 days a week via the Internet.
- ✓ Accessible to 35 users CONCURRENTLY.
- ✓ System must allow for a designated administrator to approve user IDs, passwords, to assign, delete and reassign passwords. Must allow for unlimited user IDs with the 35 concurrent users.
- ✓ Must provide Online and toll free nationwide phone support available 7 days/24 hours.
- ✓ Must provide initial training to the Department for the use of the online/internet software and additional annual group training at the Department's request.
- ✓ Annual contract with the option to renewing for four additional year periods based on the same terms and conditions and pricing provided in bid.
- ✓ Provide pricing for year one, two, three, four and five.
- ✓ Exercise of options years will be determined by an evaluation of Vendor's performance based on unavailability, unreliability and unresolved technical problems.
- ✓ If vendor fails to promptly provide on-line services or to take the necessary actions(s) to ensure future performance in conformity with contract requirements we have the right to reduce the contract price to reflect the reduced value of the service provided and/or terminate the contract with the vendor refunding the unused portion of the annual contract.
- ✓ Bid awarded all or none.
- ✓ At our request, the bidder will be required to furnish promptly any information that we may consider necessary to establish bidder meets required specifications as stated in ITB.

System functionality must provide the following:

- ✓ Advanced searching with a balanced search containing AND, OR, NOT words.
- ✓ Personalized e-mail notification for subject topic and customized searches.
- ✓ Ability to customize home page to user personal needs.
- ✓ Ability to save searches, audit trails and documents for future use.
- ✓ Available multi-state quick answer charts.
- ✓ Tools to quickly create a chart or table that provides pertinent tax information in one convenient table, with links to the controlling authority and detailed explanations. Lookup tool to quickly find state, county and local sales and use tax rates by zip code.
- ✓ Ability to quickly link from one document to related topics, explanations, code, regulations, annotations, history, committee reports and comparable statutes/regulations in other states.
- ✓ Ability to search archived information from: Internal Revenue Code, IRS Publications, Annotations & Explanations and State & Local Library

System Data Requirements:

Federal Tax Library:

- ✓ IRS Federal Tax Code Internal Revenue Code (26USC)
- ✓ IRS Regulations Code of Federal Regulations (26 CFR)
- ✓ Federal Tax Archives minimum of 10 years of archives
- ✓ Federal Tax Handbook/Guide
- ✓ Federal Tax Reports
- ✓ Full text of tax legislation, including current, enacted and proposed legislation
- ✓ Weekly updates/newsletters
- ✓ Federal Tax Court Decisions
- ✓ IRS Rulings and Releases
- ✓ Internal Revenue Bulletins
- ✓ IRS Forms and Publications
- ✓ IRS Practice Guides (Internal Revenue Manual, MSSP Training Guide, Market Segment and ISP Materials)

State & Local Library:

- ✓ State Tax Laws for all 50 states and District of Columbia
- ✓ State Tax Regulations for all 50 states and District of Columbia
- ✓ State Tax Archives for all 50 states and District of Columbia minimum of 10 years archives
- ✓ Annotations and Explanations for all states
- ✓ Daily news service covering recent tax developments.
- ✓ Current rulings of tax related court cases for all 50 states and District of Columbia (Supreme Court/Civil Appeals/Circuit Court/Administrative Law and Attorney General Opinions)
- ✓ Archive of rulings for all states and District of Columbia
- ✓ Federal court cases on state tax issues
- ✓ Miscellaneous official state materials
- ✓ Legislative highlights for all 50 states and District of Columbia
- ✓ Full text of tax legislation, including current enacted and proposed legislation for all 50 states and District of Columbia
- ✓ State and local tax forms and instructions
- ✓ Weekly state tax newsletter
- ✓ Multi-state Corporate Tax Guide with in-depth explanations and case annotations covering corporate income taxes and sales and use taxes levied in all 50 states plus the District of Columbia
- ✓ Ability to create charts and tables for all states with topics of our choosing using statues, regulations, etc.
- ✓ Access to editorials, research papers, and opinions including: All States Tax Guide, Hellerstein & Hellerstein State Taxation or equivalent, Miscellaneous multi-state issues and Journal of Multi-state Taxation

Contact Person(s): Kathleen Abrams at 334-353-8137 or Ginger Buchanan at 334-242-1490



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PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

THE FOLLOWING CHANGES ARE HEREBY ADDED TO AND MADE A PART OF (INVITATION TO BID NUMBER 2210642)

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

I UNDERSTAND THE ADDENDUM AND THAT IT MUST BE SIGNED IN INK AND RETURNED (UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE) WITH THE BID OR SEPARATELY, PROPERLY IDENTIFIED AND RECEIVED PRIOR TO DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED.

	COMPANY NAME	AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE (INK)
ADDENDUM NOTARIZATION NOT REQUIRED	MAIL ADDRESS	TYPE/PRINT AUTHORIZED NAME
	CITY, STATE, ZIP	
	PHONE INCLIDING AREA CODE	